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Western Correctional Institution Officer Receives Prestigious Award From Md. Law Enforcement Officers, Inc.

CO II Jeffrey Imes revived crash victim who had stopped breathing

Towson, MD (March 16, 2005)--- A correctional officer from Western Correctional Institution near Cumberland who rescued and performed lifesaving CPR on a car crash victim last fall was honored by the Maryland Law Enforcement Officers, Inc. during a special ceremony today in Perry Hall. Officer Jeffrey Imes received the organization's Distinguished Service Award for "meritorious service to the citizens of the state of Maryland."

On November 13 of last year, Officer Imes, 44, an Allegany County resident and three-year correctional veteran, responded to a car crash directly in front of the prison on U.S. route 220 five miles southwest of Cumberland. Officer Imes found an unresponsive man in the car, and immediately checked his vital signs. The officer radioed WCI Control for an ambulance, and at this point, the man stopped breathing. Officer Imes and his colleague, Correctional Officer Gary Boore, carried the victim out of the car, and Officer Imes began rescue breathing, which he continued until paramedics arrived.

"This man survived because of what that Correctional Officer did," Said WCI Warden Jon Galley. "Officer Imes relied on his training as a Correctional Officer and remained calm. He's a hero who very much deserves this prestigious honor."

Maryland Law Enforcement Officers, Inc. was founded in 1936 to promote professional law enforcement in Maryland.

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